January 4, 2004

Epiphany of the Lord

Mon., Jan. 5, 2004
1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Mass - 5:45 p.m.
Office Hours – 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tues., Jan. 6, 2004
1 Jn 4:7-10 Mk 6:34-44

Mass - 7:00 a.m.
Office Hours – 900 am - 2:00 pm
4:30 pm - Communion Service, Bob Roseland home.
7:00 pm - Liturgy Meeting

Wed., Jan. 7, 2004
1 Jn 4:11-18 Mk 6:45-52

Mass - 5:45 p.m.
Office Hours - Closed
9:00 - 12:00 - Food Pantry
6:00 pm - Youth Meal
7:00 pm - Youth Formation Class

Thurs., Jan. 8, 2004
1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Lk 4:14-22

Mass - 7:00 a.m.
Office Hours - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Fri., Jan. 9, 2004
1 Jn 5:5-13 Lk 5:12-16

No Mass
Office Hours - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sat., Jan. 10, 2004
1 Jn 5:14-21 Jn 3:22-30

9:00 - 12:00 noon - Food Pantry
9:00 - 10:30 - Share Distribution
4:00 - 4:30 - Reconciliation
Mass - 5:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule:
Music: Folk Group
Euch. Min.: Body: Wayne Roe
Blood: Greg/Nancy Sass
Myron Kuehler/Jan Schurman
Lector: Pat Roe/Cathy Sass
Servers: Jessica Schacher/Alex Kuehler
Ryan Henrickson
Usher: Phillip/Diane Clarke
Gift Bearers: ***Please Volunteer***
Bread Baker: Cecilia Keller (all 3 Masses)
Sacristan: Joe/Linda Schacher

Sun., Jan. 11, 2004
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Mass - 8:00 a.m.

Ministry Schedule:
Music: Regena's Minstrels
Euch. Min.: Body: Mary Antonsen
Blood: Jessica Jacobs/Brenda Jacobs
Pat Schubauer/Dean Antonsen
Lector: Donna Boner/Judy Wilson
Servers: Elizabeth Carriero/Bethany Ehresmann
Matthew Jacobs
Usher: Frank Boner/Marc Jacobs
Gift Bearers: ***Please Volunteer***
Sacristan: Frank/Donna Boner

9:00 - Rosary Prayer in Church
9:00 am - Coffee/Donuts
9:15 am - Youth Formation Class

Mass - 10:30 a.m.

Ministry Schedule:
Music: Family Choir
Euch. Min.: Body: Kevin Rohrbach
Blood: Brenda Czmowski/Terri George
Sharon Long/Joan Prybl
Lector: Ken/Kathy VanAsma
Servers: Tyler Corbine/Gina Czmowski
Megan Czmowski
Usher: Jim Hoag/John Schweigerdt
Gift Bearers: ***Please Volunteer***
Sacristan: Ken/Kathy VanAsma

Intentions:

Sun., Jan. 4 - 8:00 am - For Repose of August Schmitz
Sun., Jan. 4 - 10:30 am - For Parishioners
Wed., Jan. 7 - 5:45 pm - For Repose of August Schmitz
Thurs., Jan. 8 - 7:00 am - Repose of Carolann Anderson
Sat., Jan. 10 - 5:00 pm - Repose of Carolann Anderson

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Jesus was born into a Holy Family, not a storybook family. Today, pray for married couples and for parents, who strive to remain faithful to their commitments in a changing and challenging world. (Luke 2:41-52)

SPARKS FROM MARK:

Last weekend Deacon Walt Wilson preached on the Feast of Holy Family, telling us some wonderful stories of his family growing up through the eyes and heart of his mother. He also shared about what it means for us to be a parish-a church family here at OLBH.

I believe that one of the most profound ways that we become a parish family is through our weekly celebration of the Eucharist, as we hear in the Documents of Vatican II, the Eucharist is the "source and summit" of our lives. We gather to offer the Eucharist together, again bringing the very fabric of our lives together as a community of faith.

The changes that we have made in implementing the GIRM, especially the communion procession at least for me has brought new insights in what it means to be a community of faith, sharing the brokenness of who we are as we come forward together a parish family to be fed at the table of the Eucharist.

We as Catholics are very ritual in the way we celebrate the Liturgy in our lives. We use all of our senses, plus postures and gestures in our Liturgy that helps to connect and unite us with the Divine in our lives that is our God, Father, Son and Spirit. The communion procession is the way that we ritualize as a community of faith our belief in the "Real Presence" of the Jesus in Eucharist. We come forward, moving in the form of a procession to receive the Risen Jesus, his Body, Soul and Divinity into our lives. The communion procession highlights for us that we are indeed a pilgrim people who are on a journey, moving toward the Heavenly Jerusalem.

The change for us at OLBH in the communion procession of standing until all have received Jesus in the Eucharist and the Eucharist is repose in the tabernacle helps us to see that in deed we are in this together and that we need one another in our lives.

As we have made the changes with the GIRM, in particular with our communion procession I have come to a greater appreciation the communion hymn which becomes our cooperate or community prayer of thanksgiving as members of the Body of Christ. Also, I am much more aware of the need and the importance of the prolonged moment of silence after communion that is after all have received. It has become for me a profound moment of grace as I express my own gratitude and thanksgiving the presence of Jesus in my life, who continually calls me to new and more abundant life.

Prayer Corner: *Please remember in your daily prayers:*
Rose Ann Cartney - improved health
Trish Kostel - improved health
Justin Judy- improved health
Joshua Weaver - improved health
Elaine O'Donnell - for healing
Judi James - for healing
Matthew Bearden - improved health
Eric Denekamp - improved health

Youth Formation Happenings:
Check out the website at http://olbh.org. Click on News and then click on newsletter.

Do you have an older child who has not had the sacraments of Baptism and/or First Communion? We may be starting a class to help these children prepare for these sacraments. Call Brenda at 787-5168.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Baptism Prep: 1st Sunday of each Month. Call 787-5168 to make an appointment.

Men's Club: will meet every Saturday morning from 8:00 am to 9:30 am in the Library. It will be a chance to pray with one another and share faith in Christ. Bagels and coffee provided. For more information, please call Mike Johnson at 716-9809 or Fr. Mark at 787-5168.

Wednesday Meal: Please sign up at the table in the gathering area for the January - April meal schedule. We especially need help to get started in January.

USCBB Committee on Migration announces National Migration Week January 4 - 10, 2004. Look on the bulletin board for further information.

Adult Fellowship Group: Meets every Sunday at 9:15 during Youth Formation Classes. All adults are welcome, but especially those who have kids in CCD. Share the faith, enjoy the fellowship! For more info. Call Mark at 341-6275.

Plan on attending the Married Sweethearts Dinner/Dance and Mass in 2004! Mark it on your calendars now for Saturday, February 14th - Valentines Day! Spend a relaxing evening with your sweetie. Details to follow.

Mark your Calendars for The Christmas Story In Rhyme Everyone is invited to the OLBH children's Christmas program and live nativity. It will be held Sunday, Jan. 11 at 9:15 am. Following the program, there will be a reception in the basement - each family is asked to bring 1 dozen Christmas cookies or candy.

In 2002, The Bishops' Committee on Women in Society and in the Church, embarked on a project to explore the relationship between women's spirituality and their employment outside the home. Father Mark would like the women in the parish to be a part of this "Women's Spirituality in the Workplace" survey and the resulting response of the church to these needs. Women who work outside the home are asked to attend one of our focus group survey sessions on January 13, 14, or 15 from 6:30 -

8:30 pm in the church hall. Please contact Eileen Desmond at 787-9151 for more information.

The new Ministry Schedules are out in the Narthex. The date is wrong on the scheduling conflict date, it should be January 30, 2004. Please pick them up off the table.

Women of Faith meets on Wednesdays from 9:00 am - 11:00 am in the lower Sacristy of the Cathedral Hall. Babysitting is provided. The meetings are handicapped accessible. Jan. 7 Speaker - Theresa White - 'Fathers of the Church' (Cathedral Hall). Jan. 14, 21 and 28 - Video - 'Arise From Darkness' - What to do when life doesn't make sense.' Feb. 4 Speaker - Jim Kinyon - 'Family as a Ministry' (Cathedral Hall). Call Marie for more information at 343-8106.

The Senior Citizens that went on the Limo Lights ride on Sunday evening would like to thank everyone that contributed to the evening. The food and refreshments were great. The lights were beautiful and the men enjoyed seeing the lights and not having to drive. Thank you very much for the evening.

We are still looking for someone to clean the rectory every other week. It takes about three to four hours. It is a paid position. Please call the parish office at 787-5168 and talk to Fr. Mark.

There will be a thermos of coffee in the library where one can get a cup of coffee after our morning masses on Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 am and evening masses Monday and Wednesday at 5:45 pm. Or if your passing by and have a few minutes, stop for a cup of coffee and read for a bit.

Thank You! To Dan Thrall for taking and printing the pictures for the altar servers.

An anonymous member of the Diocese of Rapid City has established a scholarship program at the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. The admissions scholarship will provide funding for a Catholic student for four years of undergraduate study at CUA. One scholarship will be awarded every year, so eventually four students from this diocese will be attending CUA on diocesan scholarships each year. This is an incredible opportunity for the high school students of this diocese. Applications for admission are available at the office and must be turned in by February 15, 2004. If you have any questions, you may contact Sharon Zeller or Robert Bickett at the chancery office at 605-343-3541.

Website Photo's If you haven't visited our website at http://olbh.org recently, you might want to go check out the new photos section. Photos have been added from the Live Nativity in January, the OxFam Banquet and 30 Hour Famine in March, Summerfest 03's Home Mass and amp, Parish Picnic, September's Youth Formation Kickoff and the NCYC trip. You can also find copies of all the 2003 bulletins, submit items for the bulletin, and Ministry instructions for Altar Servers, Bread Bakers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Sacristans and Usher/Greeters. If you have any suggestions for the website, send an email to webmaster@olbh.org or call the office.

Cyber - Prayer Corner

Please remember these people in your daily prayers:

- For a son - God's protection and direction
- For a couple, Sylvia/Harvey to find a happy relationship
- For a friend, Bill, that his health improves and he is healed.
-For a friend, Eddie, that has many health problems. May he find the strength to survive the surgeries and be healed?
-For healing of illness - Serine de Jesus & Joann
For prayers to be delivered from poverty and to find a job, peace and hope.
-For healing of Harvey
-For hope in Youth Ministry
-For Marriage Reconciliation

STEWARDSHIP

December 24 & 25, 2003
Christmas Collections:

*Loose-	$1456.70
*Envelopes-	$1946.00
*Student -	$176.50
	$3579.20

December 27 & 28, 2003
General Collections:

*Loose-	$787.43
*Envelopes-	$1855.00
*Votive -	$11.00
*Student -	$34.75
Piano Fund -	$65.00
First Offering -	$10.00
Donations -	$250.00
	$3,013.18

* Amounts figured into the contribution income for the chart below.

2004 Actual and Budgeted Income

Dec.27 & 28, 2003 Last weekend $6,267.38	Weekly Budgeted $4,100.00
Year to date actual $103,828.69	Year to date budgeted $106,600.00

Diocesan News:

The 2003 daily Masses for Life throughout the Diocese have been a great success. We are now scheduling our priests for the Masses for Life 2004. Please keep this effort in prayer. Your help with the approximately $2000.00 total stipends offered to the priests participating would be appreciated. Donations can be sent to: Blessed Sacrament Pro-Life Committee, c/o Mary Mitchell, Treasurer, 113 Berry Pine Rd., Rapid City, SD. 57702.

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The Bereavement Support Group, sponsored by Family Life Ministries is an 8-week support group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one through death. The support group is open to anyone in the diocese. It will begin on **Monday, February 9, at 7:30 p.m.,** at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City - please come early to register. For more information/pre-registration call Janece Rieman, 605-343-5547 or Family Ministries at 605-343-3541.

The celebration of Christmas continues as we look to next week's feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Sunday, January 11, begins the observance of National Vocation Awareness Week. Join the parish community in prayer and renew your baptismal promises.

On Feb. 7-9, Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona, MN and the Office of Vocations will host a College Live-In Weekend for young men who are juniors/seniors in high school and college aged students who are interested in knowing more about the seminary life. The Live-In schedule will include a tour of the campus, discussions, meals and prayer with the college seminarians, attendance at classes, and time for swimming and recreation. There is **no charge** for the weekend. We will leave on Feb. 6th and return on Feb 9th. For further information, please contact Fr. Brian Christensen, Director of Vocations at 605-484-8940 or Godscall@diorc.org.

For The Ride Home
Epiphany of the Lord
January 4, 2004

Scripture

" See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. (Isaiah 20:2)

" Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. (Psalm 72:7,8)

" … the mystery was made known to me by revelation. …as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise of Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Ephesians 3:3,5b,6)

" We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage. (Matthew 2:2b)

" And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. (Matthew 2:9b)

Reflection

" Is Isaiah discussing weather or spiritual state of souls? Who receives "his glory?"

" When the Magi saw "his star at its rising", what did they see? -- A physical star or a spiritual revelation to all humankind regarding God eternally born in their hearts?

" Do the Magi come to their realization through astrology, reason, or revelation?

" How do Paul and the apostles realize this call to all humankind? How is it described?

" Are the "glory" (Isaiah), "profound peace" (Psalmist), "the mystery" (Paul), and "the star at its rising" (Matthew) all names for the same thing? Is it possible to provide a better description?

For the Lord is born to us, a son is given to us, upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, (Isaiah 9:6)